

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 11928 161800Z

47

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-11 CAB-09 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOTI-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 FAA-00 SCCT-02 SY-04

INRE-00 L-03 SS-20 PRS-01 IO-14 SCA-01 SSO-00 NEA-14

NSC-07 SP-03 USSS-00 A-01 EURE-00 JUSE-00 TRSE-00

NSCE-00 USIE-00 DRC-01 /128 W
----- 046332

O 161755Z MAY 74 ZFF ZFF4

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9195

FAA BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PARIS 11928

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN

SUBJ: EXTORTION LETTERS TO PAN AMERICAN AND TWA
IN PARIS

1. TODAY THE EMBASSY LEARNED THAT PAN AMERICAN IN
PARIS RECEIVED AN UNSIGNED LETTER DEMANDING 8
MILLION FRENCH FRANCS OR SUFFER DESTRUCTION OF SEV-
ERAL OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. ON MAY 16, 1974, TWA
FRANCE RECEIVED A LETTER POST-MARKED PARIS WHICH IN-
STRUCTED THEM TO CONTACT PAN AM TO AND TO PARTICI-
PATE IN THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OR SUFFER SIMILAR AIR-
CRAFT DESTRUCTION. THE SENDER OF THE PAN AM LETTER
IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF A MOVEMENT PRE-
SENTLY SEEKING POLITICAL FREEDOM FOR HIS COUNTRY.
THE LETTER REFERS TO MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT AS
SOLDIERS WITH A STRONG RELIGION, WHO ARE READY TO
DIE TO BLOW UP AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. REFERENCES TO
THE METHOD OF DESTRUCTION STATE THAT IT IS A
METHOD NOT PREVIOUSLY USED. THE LETTER CONTAINS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 11928 161800Z

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF MONEY.

WHILE A FEW ENGLISH PHRASES AND WORDS ARE USED,
MOST OF THE TEXT IS IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

2. PAN AM AND TWA HAVE TURNED OVER THE LETTERS
TO THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTIGATION.

IRWIN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, AIRLINES, THREATS, EXTORTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PARIS11928
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740121-0416
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740542/aaaablge.tel
Line Count: 66
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <12 JUN 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EXTORTION LETTERS TO PAN AMERICAN AND TWA IN PARIS
TAGS: ETRN, FR, PANAM, TWA
To: STATE FAA BRUSSELS
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005